



Alberto Rojas, a Directorate of Public Works contractor with KCS Landscaping, cuts a fallen tree in the Plumb Point Loop housing area Aug. 29 during post-Hurricane Irene cleanup. Hurricane Irene pummeled the East Coast over the weekend, leaving in its wake extensive flood and wind damage along its path through the Caribbean, up the U.S. East Coast and into Atlantic Canada. Despite a loss of power in thousands of homes in surrounding communities, Aberdeen Proving Ground was fully operational Monday morning.

Earthquake rattles, hurricane rolls over Proving Ground

Story and photos by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG NEWS

Aberdeen Proving Ground sustained minimal damage after a 5.8-magnitude earthquake shook the installation Aug. 23. The epicenter was located 88 miles southwest of Washington D.C. in the town of Mineral, Va., and was felt by tens of millions of people along the East Coast, from Georgia to Canada. By 6 p.m. that evening, an announcement from the installation's Emergency Operations Center noted that "some APG buildings suffered slight cosmetic damage with no significant affects throughout the post. Public Works and fire department personnel have inspected all affected facilities and cleared them as safe."

Four days later, on Aug. 27 and into the early morning hours of Aug. 28, APG and the surrounding area was again slammed—this time with high winds and heavy rains from Hurricane Irene, a Category 1 storm and the first tropical event to affect the area since Tropical Storm Isabel in 2003. Irene wreaked havoc from North Carolina to New England leaving millions without power, sparking evacuations and floods



Downed trees caused by Hurricane Irene resulted in power outages in Harford County and throughout the East Coast. See *INSTALLATION*, page 4

Ironbirds celebrate U.S. Military



Sgt. Billy Falla holds VIP parking passes in front of Ripken Stadium before Military Appreciation Night Aug 25. Photo by Tom Faulkner

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**
RDECOM Public Affairs

Two American icons—baseball and the Army—teamed up to honor the nation's military Aug. 25 at Aberdeen's Ripken Stadium.

Soldiers from Aberdeen Proving Ground joined the Aberdeen Ironbirds and their fans for Military Appreciation Night. The Victory Belles vocal trio sang World War II-era classics; three Soldiers threw out honorary first pitches; and children enjoyed an up-close look at four Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicles, commonly known as MRAPs, outside the stadium.

APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Halpin, with members of the Army recruiting station in Bel Air, presented 11 Army recruits with their dog tags.

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Ceremonies recognize BRAC completion, post transformation

Special to APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground marks the formal completion of the Base Realignment and Closure process and acknowledges the transformation of the installation's missions with two ceremonies Sept. 15, the day BRAC law requires completion of the required actions.

APG will highlight its new "team" in a BRAC Completion Ceremony at the post's main parade field, Fanshaw Field, at 8:30 a.m.

The event will feature a symbolic flag ceremony that highlights the missions of the incoming organizations as well as the legacy organizations which have built the installation's reputation for successfully supporting Soldiers to date. Eleven organizations have arrived at APG as part of the BRAC process.

Following the ceremony at 11 a.m., the C4ISR Materiel Center of Excellence will bring closure to its relocation from New Jersey and other locations with a C4ISR Center of Excellence Dedication Ceremony in the campus courtyard.

This ceremony will acknowledge the tradition of C4ISR excellence created at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and celebrate the new future of C4ISR at APG.

C4ISR moved 7,260 employee positions, 120 laboratories and 80,000 pieces of equipment to APG without any interruption to its support to Soldiers. Fort Monmouth will hold its closure ceremony Sept. 13.

C4ISR organizations will exhibit a variety of Army communications equipment and technology in the campus courtyard as tangible examples of the world-class systems provided the Soldier by the new Center of Excellence.

APG honors retirees at ceremony

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

Four civilians with 113 years of combined total service formally retired before Family and friends during an Aug. 25 ceremony at the Ball Conference Center.

The honorees included Frank Trout from the Civilian Human Resources Agency, Doris Trout from the Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Gregory Kuester from the Directorate of Public Works and Carol Sweatt from the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Frank Trout

Trout was recognized for 37 years federal service culminating in a position as the human resources development division chief for CHRA's Northeast Region.

Trout was awarded the Department of the Army certificate of Appreciation and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement, both signed by Leslie A. Lovick, director of CHRA's Northeast Region.

His wife, Doris Trout, received the



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Healthy Living

Council identifies APG civilian workforce demographics, focuses on top health issues. Tell us what your individual needs are by taking a quick survey.

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Federal Women’s Program names top individuals, orgs

By **RACHEL PONDER**
APG News

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Women’s Program celebrated Women’s Equality Day with an observance and awards ceremony Aug. 23 in the Ball Conference Center.

The annual observance celebrates the passing of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which was after a 72-year campaign was ratified on Aug. 20 1920, and granted women the right to vote.

This was the 26th year that APG has recognized outstanding employees and organizations that promote equal opportunities and professional growth for federal women in the workplace. The theme for this year’s event was “Celebrating Women’s Right to Vote.”

During the program, Valerie Twanmoh, a representative from Senator Barbara Mikulski’s Office, read a letter on behalf of Mikulski.

“Women’s roles in history are often overlooked and undervalued,” she read. “But we have shaped, and continue to shape society—not only in terms of battles fought and won-but through great societal movements.”

“Great women have always responded to the needs of our country,” said Garrison APG Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz. “It is only proper that we pay respect to that effort.”

Guest speaker, Sandra Tracy, president of the League of Women Voters of Harford County, gave a presentation on Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who is credited with organizing the woman’s rights and suffrage movement in the United States. Afterwards Ortiz and Tracy presented the WED awards.

Supervisor/Manager of the Year
Randolph L. Wheeler from the United States Army Materiel Systems Analysis

Activity was named Supervisor/Manager of the Year for providing leadership and mentoring opportunities for women in the workplace.

Other nominees were Susan L. Napoli of CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, Kathleen Skeen from the CECOM Logistics and Readiness Center, 1st Sgt. Sonya Jackson of the garrison’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Joseph W. Fisher of the CECOM Software Engineering Center.

Outstanding Women of the Year

Karen Jobes of the Directorate of Public Works, received the Outstanding Woman of the Year award. Jobes actively serves in the community, volunteering her church and for the Level Firehouse Ladies Auxiliary. She also is actively involved in FWP and the Federally Employed Woman organization.

Other nominees included: Annette V. Jones, Chemical Material Agency; Elina Tsaturyan, CECOM-LCMC and Rashmi Ankam, AMSAA.

Most Supportive of FWP Goals

The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center won the award for activity most supportive of FWP Goals.

Suzanne Milking



Wheeler



Jobes



Milking

and William Klein accepted the award. ECBC received the award for conducting activities during Women’s History Month to develop and recognize females in the organization through workforce activities including a leadership panel event, guest blog series, online discussion forums and a themed newsletter focused on Women in Science and Engineering.

Other nominees included: CECOM-LCMC, AMSAA and Public Health Command.

FEW scholarship

Melissa Smith, president of the Maryland Tri-County Chapter of FEW, presented the annual Dottie Dorman Working Women’s Scholarship to Shawn R. Cheeseboro, who is an accounting technician for Perry Point Hospital.

This scholarship is awarded to a female federal employee who works in Baltimore, Cecil or Harford County and is currently pursuing college-level education studies.

FEW is a private membership organization that works with Congress and legislators as an advocacy group to improve the status of women employed by the federal government.

The Maryland Tri-County Chapter of FEW covers Harford, Cecil and Baltimore counties. For more information about FEW contact Smith, at 410-642-2411 x5129.



Klein



Cheeseboro

PEO IEW&S bids farewell to employees during last retirement

Special to the APG News

The Ft Monmouth Pruden Auditorium, was the site for a momentous occasion on Aug 5, as 15 members of the Program Executive Office – Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors (PEO IEW&S) officially concluded their long and extremely valuable careers in serving their country as government civilians.

In what would be the last retirement ceremony conducted at Ft Monmouth, which is due to close in September as a part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure act, Maj. Gen. Randolph Strong, commanding general Communications-Electronic Command and Brig. Gen. Harold Greene, Program Executive Officer for IEW&S honored the employees that worked in support on many of the Army’s most important systems. While members of PEO IEW&S they played vital roles in fielding various systems currently being used by Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq for targeting, situational awareness, force protection and reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition.

The event served as an opportunity for many current and past members of PEO IEW&S to come together and reflect upon the numerous contributions they made both as individuals and as a team while serving within the PEO. The retiring workers held positions ranging from engineering to administrative support and program analysis.

In addressing the audience Greene spoke about his previous assignment at Ft Monmouth and the impression the workforce made on him.

“What I found here was a group of people with an important mission who vigorously went after getting the very best they could for our Soldiers,” noted Greene. “ I would like to thank all of you, in Team C4ISR, for everything you did to put the best C4ISR kit we could in the hands of the Soldiers who do such a great job defending our country.”

The following individuals were honored as they retired during the ceremony:

- **PEO IEW&S headquarters**- Albert Chan; Gregory Coben; Gloria Culos
- **Product Manager Radars**- Stanley Dobies; Paula Gebele; Agatha Lastella; Regina Venezia
- **Project Manager Airborne Reconnaissance & Exploitation Systems**- Barry Griffies; Denise Buckley; Joseph Matava Jr; Christopher Wantuck
- **Project Manager Navigation Systems**- Carolyn Weickert;
- **Project Manager Distributed Common ground System-Army** - Linda Welsh; Sandra Evans; Patricia Cleveland

CECOM security specialists pass new security certification test

By **ANDRICKA THOMAS**
CECOM

Security and Intelligence Specialists from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command received their Security Fundamentals Professional Certification during a recent awards ceremony hosted by the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G2, James T. Faust, at the Pentagon in the Hall of Heroes.

“The CECOM group made me proud in this historic first certification exam,” said Jim Lint, CECOM G2/Intelligence and Security director. “It shows the quality of the post BRAC [Base Realignment and Closure] workforce is up to the highest quality standards.”

The certification is earned after completion of the Security Professional Education Development, or SPeD, Certification Program, a program designed to provide Department of Defense security professionals with DoD-level credentials recognizing the knowledge, skills and abilities of qual-

ified personnel and provides a clear pathway for security professionals to aim for in developing career milestones and outlines DoD expectations for security professionals in the future, according to program guidelines.

“This certification program has been in the works since 2004,” said Derrick Coleman, chief of the Security Branch, CECOM Intelligence and Security/G2. This was the first time Department of Defense personnel participated in the Beta assessment certification test.

The Beta test is meant to provide a benchmark to measure the current state of the security workforce as it relates to security training and workforce development.

The results of the assessment will help determine the final certification program requirements for security specialists DoD wide.

The program is scheduled to be fully incorporated as a new requirement of security professionals in 2013.

“We encourage our personnel to

strive for excellence in education and training,” said Coleman. “It serves our mission here at CECOM and provides the Army with some of the most qualified security specialists in DoD [Department of Defense].”

This professional development program dictates professional standards approved the Defense Security Training Council and is aligned with Intelligence Community Directive security competency requirements.

With four certification levels, certification prerequisites include successful completion of the Security Fundamentals exam.

“We’re proud of our personnel for volunteering to participate and take an active interest in the development of our security specialist career program,” said Coleman.

He also stated this certification will eventually become a requirement for all security specialists across DoD. Training courses are offered to interested personnel in preparation for the certification exam.

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Healthy Living

Council IDs workers' top health concerns

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Community Health Promotion Council recently received data on more than 10,500 members of the APG civilian workforce.

The analysis identified basic demographic information to help plan the installation's health promotion efforts.

What we found is that the APG civilian workforce is approximately 60 percent male and 40 percent female. Approximately 38 percent of the workforce is 50 or older and 62 percent of the APG workforce is under age 50.

Specifically, it shows that we employ a mature civilian workforce, with most of these employees falling in the 40 to 59-year-old age group. These findings allow us to focus on the major health concerns affecting this age group.

The top health issues affecting individuals over age 50 are cardiovascular disease, diabetes, mental health disorders, cancer, substance abuse and injuries. It is essential to have your blood pressure and lipid levels monitored. By monitoring these levels, a heart attack or stroke may be prevented.

Community members are encouraged to take advantage of the free blood pressure screenings that are offered regularly at APG. The CHPC Health Fair is scheduled Sept. 21 and will include such screenings at the APG South (Edgewood) recreation center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Screening results are confidential and offered for personal use only—allowing you to ensure your health is on track.

Blood pressure screenings may prevent heart attacks and if you smoke, cessation can also reduce your risk. Tobacco cessation classes are offered at APG North and APG South. Questions on cessation can be answered at the Sept. 21 APG South Health Fair.

Other wellness screenings that will help promote good health are those for cancer – lung, colorectal, breast, and cervical.

The onset of diabetes may be prevent-

ed with a blood sugar level check. Influenza and pneumococcal disease can be prevented with proper immunizations.

Young workers are not guaranteed a clean bill of health, and they need to develop healthy lifestyles now to prevent adverse health outcomes later. Our data shows that more than one fourth of APG's workers are 40 to 49 years of age.

This age group often experiences the early onset of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases from poor health choices. The major health outcomes that impact this age group include obesity, substance abuse, motor vehicle accident, and sexually transmitted diseases.

It is interesting to note that, regardless of age, 90 percent of all chronic disease and illnesses can be prevented through not smoking, proper nutrition, and physical activity.

All of these health outcomes are preventable with an emphasis on personal well being and an engagement in life-long healthy habits which will lead to good health and vitality.

Making good lifestyle choices is a personal responsibility. But it's one that the installation's Community Health Promotion Council can help you make.

If you or your organization can contribute ideas and energy to the CHPC or if you have suggestions for getting our good health ideas and activities out to our community, contact APG's Health Promotion Officer Wendy LaRoche from Public Health Command at wendy.laroche@us.army.mil or 410-417-2312.

Visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/commander/CHPC/healthpromotion.cfm> for news and announcements, to leave feedback or to take the health needs survey.

Remember to take advantage of the upcoming Health Fair and be responsible for your health!

Dr. Samuel Jang

Aberdeen Proving Ground

APG retirees recognized Aug. 25

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Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Lovick.

His retirement plans include traveling with his Family and spending more time with his grandchildren. “Retiring feels overwhelming, he said. But it also feels good.”

Doris Trout

Trout was recognized for more than 12 years for federal service. She culminates her career as a human resources assistant with the Delegated Examining Center for Excellence.

Trout received the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement signed by Lovick. During her career she has received numerous exceptional performance awards to include a 2-Star and 1-Star note.

Her husband, Frank, received the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation, also signed by Lovick.

Trout’s travel post retirement plans include an African safari and a trip to England.

Carol Sweatt

Sweatt was honored for 35 years of federal service. She culminates her career as a plans specialist, G-5, with the United States Army Test and Evaluation Command.

Sweatt received the Department of



Trout

the Army Certificate of Appreciation and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement, signed by ATEC Commander Maj. Gen. Genaro J. Dellarocco. She also received the Commander’s Award for Outstanding Achievement, signed by Dellarocco, for developing the Command Overarching Inspection Program in 2010. She also was given a Governor’s Citation signed by Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley, Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown and Secretary of State John P. McDonough, and the Presidential Letter of Appreciation signed by President Barack Obama.

Sweatt said that her 35 years of service has provided her with a wealth of knowledge, experience and opportunities that will continue to benefit her and her Family for many years to come.

She said she is looking forward to exploring a life not regimented by time constraints.

“I am so grateful and proud that I was able to work for the Army,” she said.

Gregory Kuester

Kuester was honored for over 29 years of federal service. He culminates his career as a civil engineer technician with the Directorate of Public Works.

He was given the Commander’s Award for Civilian Service, signed by APG Garrison Commander Col.



Sweatt

Orlando W. Ortiz, for his work as the Geospatial Information System Program Manager and Enhanced Use Lease Program Manager.

During his career he completed all design and drafting work by hand until 1984 when he implemented computer-aided drafting and design (CADD). In 1991 he identified the need for GIS for APG and prepared an implementation plan that brought APG to the forefront of this technology. In 2003, he implemented EUL, and later became project manager. He also successfully moved the Army’s first administrative and research development EUL off the ground at APG. His career accomplishments have been featured in many professional publications such as Government Executive Magazine, Government Computer News, to name a few.

Kuester received the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation and the Department of the Army certificate of retirement signed by Ortiz. Kuester’s wife, Catherine, received the Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation, signed by Ortiz.

“I am proud that I was able to serve my country,” he said. Federal service treated me good. I am thankful for the support I received from supervisors, coworkers and my Family, who backed me up one 100 percent.”



Kuester

Installation fares well despite recent weather events

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and shutting down every highway and mass transit system in her path.

As of 7 p.m. on Aug. 28, 80 sections of county-maintained roads in Harford County were closed and utility companies were reporting more than 50,000 customers in the county without power. As of Wednesday morning, some homes and business throughout Harford County were without power and eleven schools remained closed.

“Lady Luck” and Team APG employees were on the installation’s side as DPW, Picerne and other personnel worked diligently to restore power to the installation and clear downed trees.

“We were very fortunate. APG did not experience any significant damage as a result of the high winds, heavy rainfall and increased water levels caused by Hurricane Irene,” said Garrison APG Public Affairs Specialist Mike Tuttle. “DPW, fire, police and other emergency management personnel monitored and responded to the storm’s effects throughout Saturday night and Sunday, and by Monday morning, the post opened for normal operations.”

“All in all, APG fared well,” said Tuttle. “We were able to get electricity restored to our homes and offices pretty quickly, and we made great use of our notification systems.”

In case of weather emergencies, community members can call the APG Weather Line at 410-278-SNOW (7669) or visit APG’s Facebook page for updates.

LEAVE DONATIONS

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate

Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Joan Campbell, 410-278-5668, e-mail joan.campbell@us.army.mil.”

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Courtesy photo

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Cathy Day assists Camp Glow participants with crafts Aug. 9 at Monsignor O’Dwyer’s (right) Retreat House. Day was one of 10 youth and adult members of APG’s Catholic community who volunteered to conduct the outreach as part of Camp Glow, a week-long summer program for developmentally challenged citizens in the local area. The APG team helped participants decorate tote bags, banners and hats and enjoyed lunch and other group activities.



Photo by Corinne Williams

SUMMER FUN

A community member tries her hips at hula hoop during the Aug. 19 Second Annual Back to School Ice Cream Social, hosted by Picerne Military Housing at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Residents gathered at the Neighborhood Office at APG North and the playground at APG South to enjoy free ice cream and giveaways, which included backpacks stuffed with school supplies. Four backpacks for elementary and middle school students and two scientific calculators for high school students were raffled at the event. Backpack supplies included school essentials such as rulers, pencils, tissues, crayons, index cards and more. Other giveaways included pencils, hand sanitizer and insulated lunch bags. Kids enjoyed chalk drawing and playing classic blacktop games like hopscotch and foursquare. “We were really happy to put on this event and pleased that so many families came out to enjoy the day with us,” said Picerne spokesperson Corinne Williams. “You could see that it was a fun time for the kids. We really appreciate our residents for coming out to support these events.” Williams said the Pumpkin Patch is the next event and will be held Oct. 15.

Military Appreciation

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Senior APG Commander Maj. Gen. Nick Justice thanked the community for its support during a taped video message to the fans.

“There are tremendous lessons we take away from tonight. These players got to where they are because they honed their personal skills,” Justice said. “It takes teamwork and cooperation to get the job done.

“Those are skills that directly translate to us in our daily lives at APG. We

have to be great at our individual skills, and we have to be great teams that lead the development of the tools that our Army needs in the field.”

Staff Sgt. Larry Jones, from the 22nd Chemical Battalion, sang an emotionally charged “Star-Spangled Banner” to conclude the pre-game ceremonies as a color guard from the 20th Support Command (CBRNE) presented the national and Army banners.



APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando Ortiz throws an honorary first pitch during Military Appreciation Night.



Photos by Tom Faulkner

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Halpin, with the Army's recruiting station in Bel Air, presented 11 Army recruits with their dog tags during Military Appreciation Night.



The Victory Belles vocal trio sang World War II-era classics as part of Military Appreciation Night festivities at Ripken Stadium.

Post Shorts

Veteran job expo slated for Sept. 1 in Baltimore

RecruitMilitary, a military-to-civilian recruiting firm, will present a free civilian employment, business-ownership, and education Opportunity Expo for job seekers who have military backgrounds at M&T Bank Stadium, home of the Baltimore Ravens, Sept. 1.

RecruitMilitary is inviting veterans who already have civilian work experience, men and women who are transitioning from active duty to civilian life, members of the National Guard and reserves, military spouses, and other military family members. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

The company expects more than 30 employers, franchisors, educational institutions and government agencies to reserve exhibitor booths at the Expo.

For more info or to register as a job seeker, <https://recruitmilitary.com/expos/383-Baltimore/candidates/information>.

Health clinic closings

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed Friday, Sept. 2, for training and Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day. Pharmacy services will not be provided. Patients are encouraged to refill medications at KUSAHC before 5 p.m. on Sept. 2.

The pharmacy refill line is 1-800-248-6337. Visit www.tricare.mil/pharmacy for information on pharmacy options.

For medical services after hours, on weekends or federal holidays, call staff duty at 443-807-0725. The staff duty officer will coordinate care with the Referral Management Office. To avoid

point-of-service copayment charges, a referral is required for an urgent care clinic. In a medical emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Emergency rooms do not require referral. For more information on urgent/emergency care, visit http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmartfiles/Prod_570/BN_bulletin_08_i2_L.pdf (page 3) or <https://www.hnfs.net/common/referralsAuths/Emergency+and+Urgent+Bene.htm>.

Blue Cross rep visit

A claim representative of the Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) will visit APG Tuesday, Sept. 6. The rep will be available from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 314, Room 151E to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The rep will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Bldg E4516 (CDTF). No appointment is necessary. For information, call Teri Wright at 410-278-4331.

Financial Peace University

The Dave Ramsey FPU class registration and orientation will take place Monday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the main post chapel. Nursery will be available at the chapel. Free kits will be available for active duty and spouses and for active members of the APG Chapel community. Cost for others will be \$100. For information, contact Gerri Merkel at 410-278-2516 or caroline.j.merkel.civ@mail.mil

Jewish New Year & Atonement

The APG Chapel invites the commu-

nity to join them for the Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement during the following events: Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 28 at 8 p.m., the Sabbath on Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Yom Kippur on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m.

Events will take place at the Temple Adas Shalom Harford Jewish Center at 8 North Earlton Road Ext. in Havre de Grace. Call 410-939-3170/-273-6457 or email hjcmd@comcast.net.

Events are free for military members and their Families. RSVP and tickets are required. There is a nominal charge for civilians.

To RSVP or for information, contact Jonas Vogelhut at 95-2318, 443-619-2304 or jonas-vogelhut@us.army.mil

New Hours of Operation

Beginning Aug. 29, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division will offer extended afternoon hours of operation.

The new client/claimant service hours will be Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. The office will be open each Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about services, call 410.278.1583 or visit www.apg.army.mil, Services Directory, Legal.

Last chance for early registration discount for Women’s Conference

The 2011 Maryland Women Veterans Conference will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 16 on the campus of Morgan

State University at the University Student Center, 1700 East Coldspring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251. Workshops, displays and vendor information will focus on Health Care/Screenings, Job Opportunities/Networking; Education Opportunities/College; relaxation and much more.

Early registration through Aug. 25 costs \$15; after Aug. 25 registration costs \$25. Women veterans, active-duty service members, Family members and agencies that service veterans should attend. This event is sponsored by the National Center for Health Behavioral Change, A Step Forward, Inc., and AARP. For more information visit the NCHBC website at www.nchbc.org or call 410-383-4119.



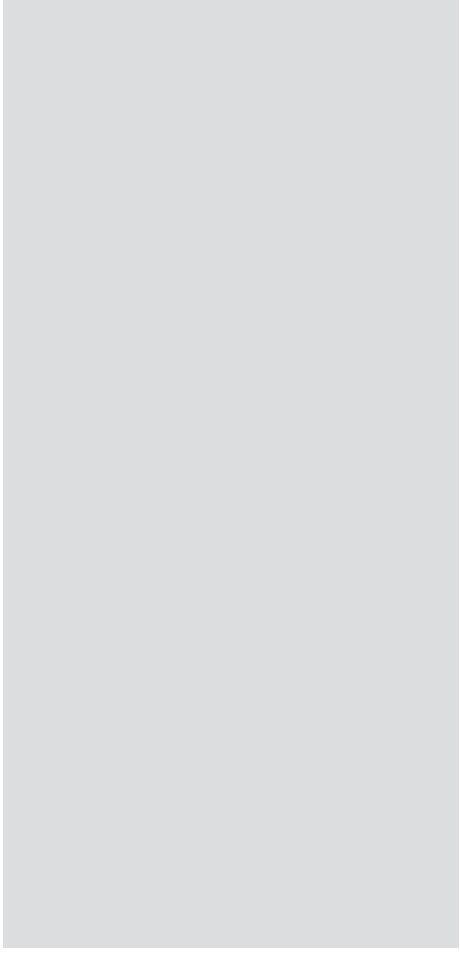
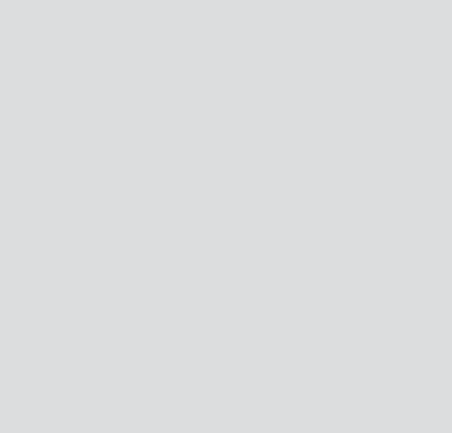
MORE ONLINE

More shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.

WHERE TO GET INFO

In case of weather and non-weather related emergencies and to find out the status of the installation, community members can call the APG Weather Line at 410-278-7669 or visit the APG's Facebook, Twitter, homepage. Information can also be obtained from local news and radio stations. Emergency action officers for each organization will also be notified of delayed openings and closures.





COMMUNITY NOTES

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 1
SUNSET CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Sunset Cruise, 7 to 8:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under. The ship will cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area for a relaxing sail and sunset. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 2
LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a narrated lighthouse cruise, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis in Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required. Cost includes a three-hour cruise enjoying water views of three area lighthouses: Concord Point, Turkey Point and Fishing Battery Island. Passengers need to bring their own lunch.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
MARGARITAVILLE CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Margaritaville Cruise, 6:30 to 8 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). Set sail with island tunes, soda, beer and margaritas. Reservations are required. Credit cards will be accepted.

For more information or for reservations, call 410-939-4078.

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 11
LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a narrated lighthouse cruise, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis in Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are required. Cost includes a three-hour cruise enjoying water views of three area lighthouses: Concord Point, Turkey Point and Fishing Battery Island. Passengers need to bring their own lunch.

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**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 15
DAY ON THE BAY**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Day on the Bay, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis.

Enjoy the day sailing to Charles-town, bird watching, sightseeing, two area lighthouses, then lunch at the Wellwood Club and return. Tickets cost \$55 for adults, \$27 for children ages 10 and under. Credit cards will be accepted. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 17
MARYLAND WINE CRUISE**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Maryland Wine Cruise, 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$40 per person (21 years of age or older). The ship will take a cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area as passengers enjoy fine wines.

The wine cruise will have a representative from the featured winery onboard telling passengers about their wines and vineyards and to answer any questions. Cheese and

a fruit tray will be served. Reservations are required. Credit cards will be accepted.

For more information or for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18
CREATURES OF THE BAY**

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will hold a Creatures of the Bay Cruise, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., for children ages 6 to 14, on the Skipjack Martha Lewis.

See first hand some of the animals living in the bay. Find and identify the tiniest creature, terrapins, oysters and crabs, oh my! Tickets cost \$15 per person. Reservations are required.

For more information, for reservations or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.



**MORE
ONLINE**

More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.

FAMILY AND MWR

Medieval Times discount tickets available through Leisure Travel

The Leisure Travel Office has discount tickets for Medieval Times Dinner and Tournaments located at Arundel Mills Mall, 7000 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, Md. Tickets cost \$39.25 per adult and \$32 per child (ages 3 to 12). Reservations must be made at the time of purchase; other locations available upon request. All prices and savings are based on the final cost to include all taxes and fees. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Visit the MWR Leisure Travel Office, Bldg. 3326, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Starting a small business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program will sponsor two sessions of How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 2 at Child, Youth and School Services, Bldg. 2503.

The free 90-minute program provides an overview of starting a business, successful entrepreneurship and how to write a strategic business plan.

The sessions are open to DoD cardholders, including contractors and retirees, and Family members and guests. Space is limited.

For information or to RSVP, call Marilyn Howard at 410/278-9669/7572.

Universal Studios discount tickets

Universal Orlando® Resort is proud to offer a discount ticket program to all active duty, retired military and Department of Defense personnel. All Universal Studio tickets must be purchased at least 3 weeks before the trip.

Universal Studios includes two theme parks, non-stop nightlife and more all in one convenient location. At Universal CityWalk® enjoy the best in restaurants, nightclubs, shopping and movies.

For more information, call 410-278-4011 for price breakdown.

Personal Training

APG Sports Branch is offering personal training programs. All active duty military and Family members, DoD civilians and Family members, and DoD contractors are eligible.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://www.armycivilianservice.com> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.



Training is offered at the athletic center, fitness center and Hoyle Gym to assist customers in meeting their personal fitness needs. The program is offered in individual half-hour and one-hour sessions and blocks of sessions. Individual half-hour sessions cost \$40 each; one-hour sessions cost \$55 each. Blocks of six half-hour sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$200; blocks of six sessions for the cost of five sessions is \$275

Contact the athletic center or Hoyle Gym for details.

APG Running Club

The APG Sports and Fitness Branch has begun a Running Club for organized weekly runs. Club members meet at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center and 5 p.m. every Thursday at Hoyle Gym in the Edgewood Area. Dan Dolce, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness coordinator, oversees the club. For more information, contact Dolce at 410-278-7933/7934 or e-mail, dan.dolce@us.army.mil.

Walt Disney World salutes the Armed Forces with discount

Now through Sept. 28, active duty military and retirees may purchase four-day Walt Disney World Armed Forces Salute tickets for themselves and up to five Family members and/or friends for \$138.

There are three different ticket options available for those wanting to visit Walt Disney World:

- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Park Hopper Option, \$138 each
- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Water Park Fun and More Option, \$138 each
- Walt Disney World 4 Day Military Salute Tickets with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun and More Options, \$165 each

Tickets can be upgraded to add either option, or both for an additional \$27 per option.

All tickets must be purchased at least three weeks prior to departure dates.

Black-out dates include July 4, 2011 at Magic Kingdom only.

The active duty/retiree must be present at Disney to activate the tickets.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Luray Caverns discount

Take a spin through time, 400 million years worth to be exact, to discover the amazing history of these unearthly caverns. Tickets cost \$18.25 for adults 13 years and older; tickets for children ages 3 to 12 cost \$9.25. Luray Caverns is located on 970 Highway 211 West, Luray, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. Prices are subject to change without notice. Visit www.luray-caverns.com/PlanyourVisit/AboutLurayCaverns/tabid/507/Default.aspx. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 410-278-4011/4907, visit the AA Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326 or e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

September bowling specials

- Early Bird Special: \$1.50 off per game from 7 to 10 a.m.
- Each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 2 to 4 p.m., bowl one game and get the second game free.
- Each Saturday rent a lane for \$18.00 an hour. Rental includes up to 6 people and shoe rental.
- One hour of bowling (up to 6 people/shoes included), 1 whole cheese pizza (toppings extra), a pitcher of soda for \$32.00.

Bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Mon-

day to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

Winter leagues forming

Monday & Tuesday start time 5:20.
Wednesday start time 6:50
Thursday & Friday start time 6:30
Saturday Youth League start time 9:00 am for ages 4 thru 11 and 10:30am start time for ages 12 thru 20.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Lunch delivery is available for orders of \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of August 29

Special #1: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.50.

Special #2: Chicken tender sub with french fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.

Week of September 6

Special #1: Cheese Steak Wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.25.

Special #2: Chicken Cheese Steak Wrap with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$7.25.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.





The Roundhouse, a centerpiece of the B&O Railroad Museum, was built in 1883 to accommodate work on passenger cars. Built of wrought-iron, brick, wood, and slate, it contained 22 bays, a turntable, and three rows of windows that allowed the maximum amount of natural light to illuminate the building. Today the Roundhouse stores many of the museum's historic locomotives and equipment. Its turntable is functional and used to demonstrate how railcars were turned when the building was in use.

Travel back in time, visit the birthplace of American railroading

Story and photos by
RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Travel back in time by visiting the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, located on a 40-acre historic site in Baltimore.

The B&O Railroad Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Museum, is home to the largest and most comprehensive collection of 18th and 19th century American railroad equipment.

“Basically we have the most important collection of American railroading in the world,” said Dana Kirn, director of museum services. “For an item to be accepted into the collection it has to be the first, the best, the last or the only of its kind.”

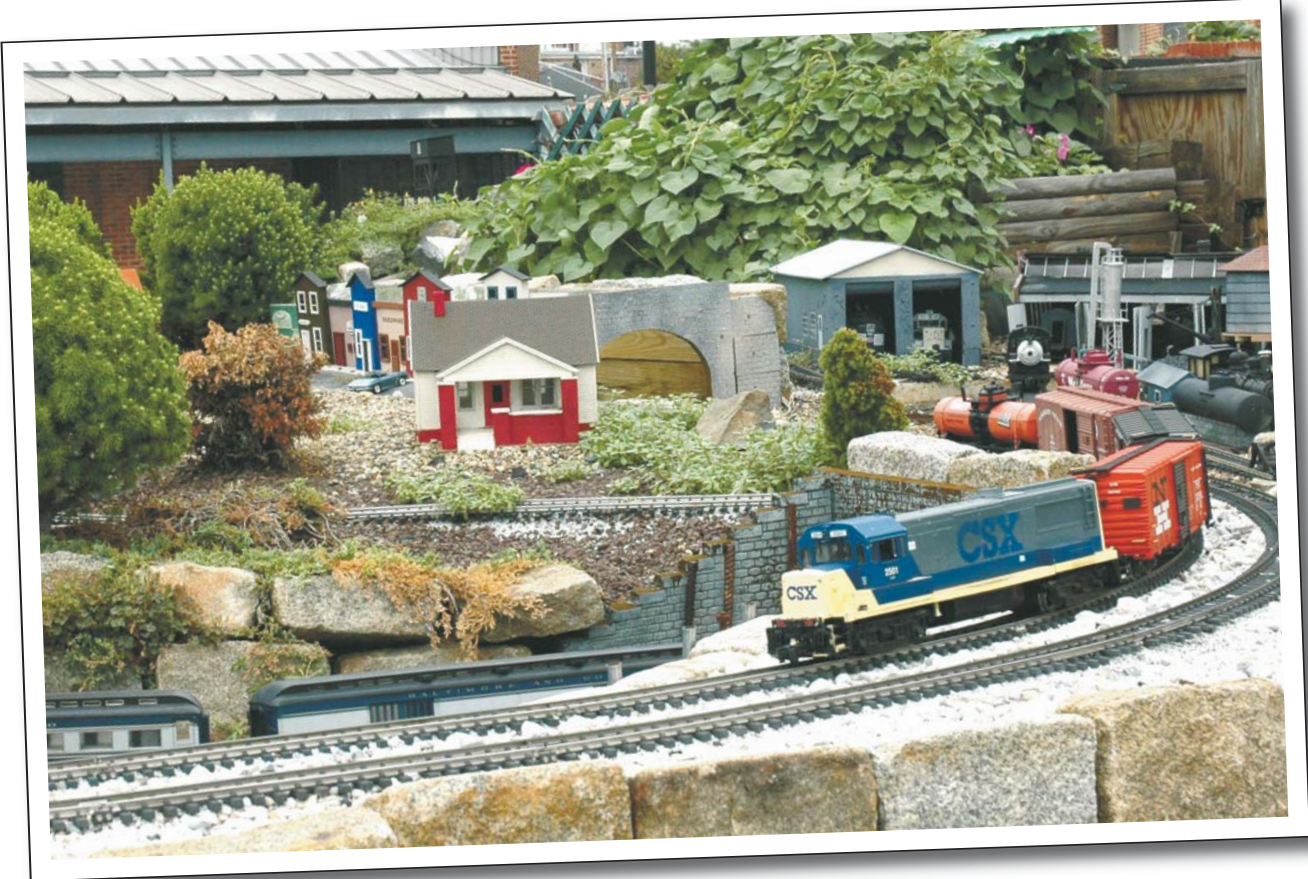
Many of the exhibits reside in historic buildings like the Mount Clare Station Depot, built in 1851, which is considered “the birthplace of American railroading,” because it is the site of the first regular railroad passenger service in the United States. Today visitors can take a ride on the first commercial mile of railroad track laid in America.

The museum allows visitors inside a number of old locomotives. Interactive displays, hands-on exhibits and videos tell the tale of the locomotive industry.

Activities for every age group, including an outdoor G scale model train and play areas for children, make a trip to the museum a great Family outing. Another popular attraction is the HO scale model train housed in a Chesapeake and Ohio passenger car.

For historical war enthusiasts, an exhibit called “The War Came by Train” commemorates the Civil War’s 150th anniversary. The exhibit contains the largest collection of Civil War railroad equipment in the world and eight locomotives.

Now through Labor Day, active duty military and their Families can visit the museum free through the Blue Star Museum program (<http://www.nea.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/faq.html>). To learn more about the B&O railroad museum, visit www.borail.org.



A G scale model train is a popular attraction at the museum.



The BO 9913, a Budd rail-diesel car built in 1953, was used for passenger service on the B&O Railroad.